

## House Resolution No. 2973

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District in Wellsville, Missouri, which has distinguished itself as a Missouri school district to be honored for "Distinction in Performance"; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those teachers and administrators of the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District whose selfless dedication to their students have resulted in high achievement of said students due to high expectations; and

**Whereas**, the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District was one of the first districts to support and to fully implement the Reading Recovery program for its most at risk first grade readers resulting in a 90% success rate, bringing those students up to grade level, which is most often maintained at least through third grade; and

**Whereas**, scoring in the top ten schools in some content areas on the MAP tests for the past six years and receiving a perfect score on its Annual Performance Rating last year, the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District worked with tireless commitment to meet the standards necessary to receive the Distinction in Performance award, which is issued annually and is designed to be an incentive for school districts to focus on improving academic achievement; and

**Whereas**, this prestigious award can lead to tangible benefits for the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District which is now eligible for waivers from some of the state's accreditation procedures if they demonstrate consistent academic progress; and

**Whereas**, students, teachers, parents, school officials, and members of the Wellsville and Middletown communities are exceedingly proud of this well-deserved recognition, which confirms that the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District is making steady gains in all areas of academic performance, including test scores:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to Superintendent Ann Hammer and to all those affiliated with the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District upon this tremendous milestone of achievement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District in Wellsville, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2973, adopted May 6, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker